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Sir:

This is a reply to an Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, with a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Applicants have filed concurrently within herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time bringing the time to respond to this Action to December 1, 2002. Accordingly, the Reply is timely filed. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account number 02-1818.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please replace pending claim 6 with the following corresponding replacement claim (see attached sheet for marked up claim):

6. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the first solvent is N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone.

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